

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 2002, 17,419 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes (91 in South Dakota); and,

Whereas, Drinking and driving injured more than a half a million people last year; and,

Whereas, Mothers Against Drunk Driving has played a vital role in the enactment of tougher anti-drunk driving laws resulting in a drop in alcohol-related traffic deaths since 1980; and,

Whereas, Alcohol-impaired driving remains one of the nation's most frequently committed crimes, and there remains a critical need for continued education, increased enforcement, and tougher laws and penalties for offenders; and,

Whereas, Business, government, law enforcement, service organizations, youth, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to safe, sober driving by tying a MADD red ribbon to a visible location on their vehicles during this holiday season; and,

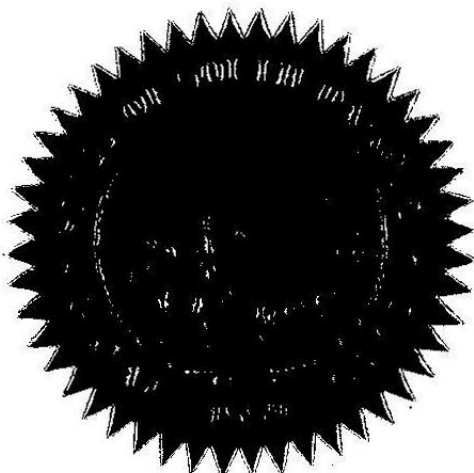
Whereas, These actions demonstrate America's pledge to the "Tie One On For Safety" campaign to prevent needless deaths and injuries; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is pledging its support of the "Tie One On For Safety" campaign to ensure the success of this life-saving program:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2003, to January 1, 2004, as a time to:

TIE ONE ON FOR SAFETY

in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens, government agencies, hospitals, businesses, and schools in South Dakota to make a visible commitment to the fight against drunk driving by tying a MADD red ribbon to their vehicles.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Michael Rounds", written over a horizontal line.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State